Title : Observations regarding priority of notices for raising Matters of Urgent Public Importance.

MADAM SPEAKER: As the hon. Members are aware, in an effort to regulate the procedure for raising matters of urgent public importance after "Question Hour', a decision was taken in consultation with the leaders of all Parties at the meeting held on 1st July, 2009 that notices for raising matters of urgent public importance will be accepted between 0900 hours and 0930 hours. The first 20 notices will be valid for the day. Out of these 20 notices 5 will be permitted to be raised after Question Hour and rest of the matters will be allowed to be raised after 6 o'clock or after business for the day is over, as the case may be.

I wish to reiterate that the priority of the notices is not determined on the basis of their time of receipt in the Notice Office. It is entirely for the Chair to decide which of the matters will be permitted to be raised after the Question Hour. Members may kindly bear in mind that being first in point of time does not entitle them to raise their matter immediately after the Question Hour.